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SWNA Meets Sep. 24

The monthly public meeting of the southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) will be held Mon. Sep. 24 at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th and Maine Ave. SW at 7:30 pm.

Corcoran Plan At Zoning Commission

ANC 6D continues to oppose the plan for the Corcoran Gallery of Art to establish its arts school in the old Randall Junior High and build a large apartment house on the rear of the property. The DC Zoning Commission has set a public hearing for Thurs. Sep. 27 to consider the plan.

Demolition of Waterside Mall To Start Soon

With the Bank America already relocated to a trailer facing M St. SW and CVS set to move Sep. 8 – 15, demolition can start on Waterside mall at 4th and M St. SW soon— probably in Oct. Final approval of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the complex by the DC Zoning Commission won't come until after a public hearing for "Rebuttal Cross Examination" set for Mon. Sep. 17.

Jean Macdonald Service Sep. 8

The memorial service for Jean Macdonald will be at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th and Maine Ave. SW on Sat., Sep. 8, at 2 pm. (See p. 6 for Obituary).

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“D.C. Bridges Deficient”

So. Capitol St. Bridge Has Only Two Steel Beams

By Dale MacIver

Like the Minneapolis Bridge that collapsed recently, the So. Capitol St. Bridge lacks “redundancy.”

It has only two horizontal steel beams, making it “fracture critical,” according to the American Society of Civil Engineers, quoted in *The Washington Post* of Aug. 5.

The website of *Bridge Design & Engineering* cites a U of Minn. report on the Mpls bridge that “highlighted the lack of redundancy in the main truss system...Only two planes of the main trusses supported the eight lanes of traffic,”

Kathleen Penney, deputy chief engineer of the DC Dept. of Transportation, is quoted in *The Post* article as saying “If the Douglass Bridge [official name of the So. Capitol St. Bridge] were built today, the steel used would be 25% thicker, there would be more than two main beams in case one failed, and there would be far fewer welds and connections to minimize the number of corrosion and fatigue

points.” Repair work being done while the bridge is closed during July and



This photo of the steel structure of the So. Capitol St. Bridge from beneath was taken from Anacostia Park on the SE side of the Anacostia River in Aug. 2007.

Aug., does not address the “fracture critical” design flaw in the bridge.

A National Capital Planning Commission report states that the cost of replacing the bridge is \$270 million with design planned for FY 2008-2010 and construction scheduled from FY 2010-2013.

The report states “Built in 1941, it was last rehabilitated in 1976, and currently has a sufficiency rating of 50, which means its structural adequacy, safety, serviceability, and function are seriously compromised. Trucks have been restricted from the outside travel lanes in both directions. The main superstructure — made of steel — is afflicted with areas of severe rusting, section loss and paint failure.”

Note: Aerial photos of the new ballpark construction and work on the South Capitol St. Bridge — taken by Southwest's Dick Westbrook and Perry Klein — are on e NBC4website: <http://www.nbc4.com/slideshow/news/13761201/detail.html>.

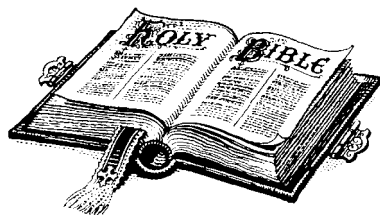


Part of the crowd at Unity Day. Photo by Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert, SW NA Board Member

Unity Day Takes SW by Storm

On Sat. Jul 21 hundreds — some say thousands — of children, youth, and adults of all ages came to King-Greenleaf Recreation grounds at First and N St. SW for a full day of food, fun, greeting old and new friends and celebrating Near Southwest DC as a friendly community.

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News of Religion

Flea Market Oct. 6, 9-2

Christ United Methodist Church will hold a sidewalk flea market Sat. Oct. 6 from 9 am to 2 pm at 4th St. SW and the I (Eye) St. side of the church, which has an official address of 900 4th St. SW. Call Christ Church 202/554-9117 for more information.

Friendship Church Sat. Aug. 24 4pm

Notice: Friendship Baptist Church will be "Praising God with Song and Dance" Aug. 25 at 900 Delaware Ave SW, 4 pm to 7 pm. Singing groups and liturgical groups from several other churches in the DC and Baltimore areas will participate. Gospel music and dance. All are invited."

For more information, please call the church office at (202)488-7417.

SW Episcopal Church Year of Discernment

St. Augustine's interim priest, The Rev. Martha Clark explained, "St. Augustine's aims to fulfill the goals of discerning who we are and who are we to become in light of God's vision for St. A's mission in a changing Southwest community. Part of the year-long process will be articulating and visioning about the many future possibilities and options open to us; including discerning what our future worship and mission relationship will be with St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, presently sharing our ministry at 600 M Street, SW."

A special worship service at 10 a.m. is planned for Sun., Sep.30 to be followed by a luncheon and afternoon program. The guest speaker will be The Rev. Edward King Jr, Senior Program Officer from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund in Jacksonville, Fl., which provided a grant for the year. For more information, call the church office at 202-554-3222.

St. A's/St. M's Start Sunday School Sep. 16

The beginning of Sunday school at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, sharing their ministry at 600 M Street, SW starts Sun. Sep. 16 at 11:30 pm. All children from ages 3 to 17 are welcome to participate.

Sunday School teachers are Amy Rhodes and Dave Rhodes. Sarah Robbins-Penniman will lead the Youth Group, composed of teens from 13 to 17.

For more information, contact the Church office at 202-554-3222 and leave your name and phone number for a call-back.

Jazz Discussion Sat. Aug. 25 at Westminster

By Rev. Brian Hamilton

Thinking About Jazz is our bimonthly jazz discussion and it happens again **Saturday, August 25th at 1pm.** This discussion will focus on **A Great Day in Harlem**, the story surrounding the famous photograph taken in 1958 by Art Kane capturing 57 of our greatest American jazz legends. We will view excerpts of the documentary produced which tells this wonderful story. Please join us for a

lively discussion. As always there is no admission and light refreshments will be provided.

NARFE Schedule

Summer Break -- No meeting August
Next meeting dates are:

Thursday, September 27, 2007; October 25, 2007 and November 29, 2007
SW Library, K St. & Wesley Pl SW, 12:30 pm

Southwest Community Calendar

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

THURS. AUG. 23 Police sponsored Fun Day, King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, First & N St. SW, 1 pm

SAT. AUG. 25 Volunteers helping schools clean up for opening day 8 am-1 pm.

MON. AUG. 27 First Day of School. 8:15 am.

MON. SEP. 3 Labor Day Holiday

TUES. SEP. 4 Police Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) public meeting, 415 4th St. SW, 7 pm

SAT. SEP. 8 CVS in Waterside Mall closes and moves to Trailer west of Waterfront Metro station on M St. SW.

SAT. SEP. 8 Memorial service for Jean Macdonald, St. Augustine's Church, 6th & Maine Ave. SW, 2 pm.

MON. SEP. 10 Advisory Neighborhood Commission ANC6D meeting -- public may attend -- St. Augustine's Church, 6th & Maine Ave. SW, 7 pm

WED. SEP. 12 Meeting of parents of new Wilson Students, School Library, Chesapeake St. off Nebraska Ave. NW 6 pm. First meeting of PTSA 7 pm.

THURS. SEP. 20 Police Service Area (PSA 104) meeting, 240 M St. SW ground floor Thelma Martin Room, 7 pm-8:30 pm

MON. SEP. 24 Public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, (SWNA) St. Augustine's Church, 6th and Maine Ave. SW, 7:30 pm

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS -- First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS -- Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm.

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NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS -- Every Wed. GSA Bldg -- 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

LABYRINTH WALK -- First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 7 pm.

FRIDAYS -- FARMERS Market at US Dept. of Ag, 12th & Independence Ave. SW near Smithsonian METRO. 10am - 2 pm.

TUESDAYS -- FARMERS Market at US Dept. of Transportation new headquarters at New Jersey Ave. SE & M St. SE; near Navy Yard METRO, limited parking, some a block north at L St. SE. 10am - 2 pm.

WEDNESDAYS AT 3 pm -- Practice GED test -- free -- takes 4-1/2 hrs; walk in at SW Library, between 3rd & 4th St., between I (Eye) and K SW, second floor; picture ID required. 727-6976 or 727-1616 (M, T, Th, F).

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Non-credit courses in Quickbooks, Real Estate Development, Spanish are among continuing education offering beginning in late September at Southeastern. Call 478-8231 or write entrepreneur@seu.edu for details.

Southeastern addresses various topics of interest to both students and greater community including financial literacy, career planning, and health issues. Upcoming programs, which are open to the public, include: "Resume Writing" on August 23, 4-5 pm; and a Webcast on "Diabetes, International Research, and the Internet" on August 29, 12-1:30 pm. These events are held at the Center for Allied Health at Greater Southeast Community Hospital, accessible from the Southern Avenue Metro stop on the Green Line. Call 202-243-7460, or write CAHE@seu.edu.

During the fall quadmester, Southeastern will celebrate the theme of "Financial Literacy" as students arrive the week of September 17 for orientation and classes begin on September 24. Look for details on more public programs in Southwest, or call 202-478-8253.

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Wed., Oct. 17

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According to Gordon Fraley of Waterfront Associates, Safeway has signed a letter of intent to the developers agreeing to move into the ground floor of the new building on the east side and nearly double in size to 55,000 square feet in place of its present 30,000 square feet location.

Secretary's Notes:

Colin van Niel, Senior Insurance Operations Specialist, DC Dept. of Insurance, Securities and Banking outlined the services available to DC citizens to better inform them about all types of insurance sold in the District and to recognize and prevent fraud.

Maine Ave. Waterfront

Elinor Bacon spoke of the commitment to participation by the neighborhoods affected by this development. They will begin an ongoing series of small meet-

ings on a regular schedule. A website will be launched August 8th. An office will be established in the area. In the beginning it will provide conference room space and will not have a full time staff. In time a fully staffed office will be established. They are reaching out to Wards 6, 7 and 8 to establish a job preparation program to have workers ready for the workforce necessary to fulfill the mandated guidelines for hiring local residents. They plan to provide some subsidies for those wishing to begin small businesses in kiosks or take advantage of programs for Local and Small Business Enterprises (LSBE).

Douglas Smith, Principal of EE&K Architects, has long experience in large scale planning of waterfront projects. He reiterated that this is to be a city waterfront not a "Federal waterfront," that is the planning will consider the local residents as the primary users

Nina Albert described the process by which the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation's involvement in the project has been transferred into the Deputy Mayor's Office. The District will be the landlord in perpetuity. The Deputy Mayor's office will be involved in infrastructure development for the project

Questions from the audience brought out that JBG Companies, representing several Waterfront businesses, and Hoffman-Streuer LLC have reached an agreement about the remaining leases. The Fish Market, considered an "authentic" aspect of the waterfront will remain, with some improvements as early as next summer. Transportation strategies such as Light Rail, the Circulator and water taxis are all on the table.

CVS Moves to Trailer Sep. 8-15; Demolition to Follow

The Bank of America has already moved to its temporary location in trailers facing M St. SW at 4th SW and the CVS Drug Store is scheduled to move out of Waterside Mall to trailers nearby either Sep. 8 or 15, Gordon Fraley of Waterfront Associates told a public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) on July 23.

A final meeting of the DC Zoning Commission on Sep. 17 is expected to give complete approval of the plan for redeveloping Waterside Mall, allowing demolition to begin, Fraley stated.

As soon as CVS moves, the old mall will be closed and fenced off on all sides, with access continuing from M St. SW to the Waterfront Metro station and

Safeway store, both of which will be open throughout the construction. Southwest residents on the I (Eye) St. SW side of the construction site will no longer go through Waterside Mall, but must go around on the 3rd St. SW or 6th St. SW sides to reach the Safeway or Metro entrances on M St. SW.

When the Mall – except Safeway and the two EPA towers – are demolished, construction will begin to put 4th St. through from I St. SW to M St. SW, with two new office buildings, one on the east side and one on the west side of the new section of 4th St. SW. The ground floors of each building will have retail space facing 4th St. SW.

Immunization Records for Schools Registration

All students attending public schools in the District of Columbia are required to have up-to-date immunization records prior to registration for the 2007-2008 school year. Records must show that the student received a physical examination, including eye, hearing, and oral health exams, as well as, a Tuberculosis Assessment.

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Left to right are Neil Albert, Mayor Fenty, Council members Jack Evans and Tommy Wells.

Neil Albert Takes Over AWC, NCRC

By Lida Churchville

At a ceremony on the Anacostia Waterfront, Mayor Adrian Fenty took control of the two independent agencies responsible for developing the Maine Ave. Waterfront and the Anacostia Riverfront. He signed a bill in the presence of Neil Albert, Fenty's Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (who will take control) abolishing the Anacostia Waterfront

Corporation and the National Capitol Revitalization Corporation.

The bill signing ceremony took place on the deck the Earth Conservation Corps Center's Old Capitol Pump House at First Street and Potomac Ave. SE immediately across the street from the stadium building site.

Officials attending the ceremony included Mayor Fenty, Deputy Mayor Neil Albert, our own Ward 6 Councilman Tommy Wells, Councilman Jack Evans,

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IN MEMORIAM

Jean Macdonald – Obituary

By Thelma D. Jones

Jean "Jeannie" C. Macdonald passed away on July 14 after a brief illness (her husband, Donald S. Macdonald, passed away in 1993).

Born in Pittsburgh, PA in 1923, Jeannie grew up in Bronxville, NY, where she was the eldest of four siblings. While attending Simmons College in Boston, MA (where she graduated in 1945), she met her husband Donald at a dance for military personnel home on leave. They married in Carmel, CA in August 1945, just before Donald was posted to South Korea. Upon Donald's return from Korea, they established a successful secretarial business in Cambridge, MA, which they sold when Donald joined the Foreign Service in 1947. Jeannie and Donald had three sons: one who died in infancy in Washington, DC in 1947; James Carroll Macdonald, born in Seoul, Korea in 1949; and Thomson Stone Macdonald, born in Istanbul, Turkey in 1951.

Jeannie embraced her role as a Foreign Service spouse with energy and dignity and was a true international ambassador. She developed deep bonds of friendships wherever she went, and while stationed in the Washington, DC area, Jeannie worked at the Washington International Center, Meridian House, helping foreign visitors acclimate to their new environment.

When Donald retired from the Foreign Service in 1969, Jeannie decided to become a teacher, earning an MA from Shippensburg State College in Pennsylvania before moving to Washington in 1971, where she began teaching in the DC Public Schools. She taught at Payne and Webb Elementary Schools, where she is remembered for her passion and commitment to teaching reading and writing. Jeannie subsequently earned a M.Ed. in Reading from Trinity College in Washington and remained a devoted teacher well past her retirement in 1993, volunteering at the Webb Elementary School Library.

Jeannie is also remembered for her altruism and civic spirit. Shortly after she and Donald became homeowners at Harbour Square Cooperative in southwest Washington, DC in 1972, they became actively involved in the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA). In 1982, together with her husband and several other community activists, Jeannie helped establish the Youth Activities Task Force (YATF), where she held various leadership positions, including chairperson—a position she held at the time of her death.

Through YATF, Jeannie developed summer sailing and rowing programs and established the Tae Kwon Do program for SW youth. She was especially proud of this program and regularly brought freshly baked cupcakes and newly laundered Tae Kwon Do suits to their sessions. The students would later say that their families and Jeannie's cupcakes were two of the things they valued the most.

Both Donald and Jeannie served as SWNA's Secretary and regularly volunteered with SWNA's nominations and elections committees. Jeannie also authored several articles for The Southwester and was the lead organizer for the highly successful SWNA Antique Road Show auction fundraiser in October 2005. In addition, Jeannie inspired neighborhood recognition and usage of the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center over the years and is sometimes dubbed the center's "Mother and Grandmother." Jeannie was active in Harbour Square Co-operative where she was a member of both the Southwest Affairs and Landscaping Committees. While at Harbour Square, she (and her two cats—Suki and Opa) loved to entertain in her lovely home, which bordered the historic Wheat Row Houses, warmly welcoming her neighbors to an annual open house as well as many other informal events.

Jeannie loved the Opera, mountain climbing, and gardening. She climbed Crotched Mountain in Franconia, NH every year; she climbed Mt. Fuji, she climbed in the Swiss Alps, and in 2000 she took a helicopter trip over the peak of Mt. Everest. Jeannie established herself at the Washington National Cathedral Greenhouse with her friendly and encouraging presence, and spent many happy summers at her family cottage in Franconia, NH, planting gardens and trees to attract hummingbirds.

Jeannie is survived by her son, Thomson Stone Macdonald; her daughter-in-law, Priscilla Weston Howell; her two grandchildren, Galen Howell Macdonald and Eva Clare Howell Macdonald, and her niece, Mary Elizabeth Alpern, whom she loved as a daughter.

A memorial service in Jeannie's honor will be held September 8, at 2 pm at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M Street, SW, Washington, DC. All are invited. Jeannie will be buried in Franconia, NH. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in Jeannie's honor payable to SWNA-YATF for youth activities and scholarships and mailed to P.O. Box 70792, Washington, DC, 20024.

Unity Day in SW

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(Photos by Shelia Gray (SW Library), Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert, Yummy Tyler, Dale MacIver)

Praise for Unity Day

Wally Perry, Roving Leader:

"You had people come out I hadn't seen in 20 years... The exhibit – we got accolades on the SW Then and Now exhibit. We got Kudos on all the activities. We've got to coordinate it a little better... We didn't anticipate all these people... "Bingo was awesome. An older male won the grand prize – flat screen television. At least 50 to 60 seniors playing bingo. Thanks to DC Lottery for the giveaways. They provided the equipment. The volunteers who ran it did a fantastic job,

Question – How did the food go? "As long as they were cooking, there was a line. Fortunately for us we had enough food, thanks to DC Housing Authority and the Family Strengthening Collaborative. – They provided at least 70% of the food. So that was outstanding

"The Event Staff Tee shirts were from the Southwest Youth Task Force and Miss Cook herself.

Yummy Tyler, resident:

The day really officially took off for me when the "Washington Showstoppers" Drumline took to the field!

There were only 6 pieces there on the field on Saturday, but those six young men sounded like 20!

Their choreography was smooth and mellow without losing the hard downbeat of the line.

Then there was the Senior Bingo Tent. Pat Bishop called Bingo practically non stop through out the day. Ms. Bishop made sure the games had an enthusiastic, fun loving flow for most of the day.

What outdoor gathering in the District of Columbia would be complete without Line Dancing?

Imagine 40 – 50 people, 5 year old little girls and boys, Mothers, Fathers, Aunts and Uncles, Sisters and Brothers and Grandparents all moving to the same beat, moving in the same direction... Dancing the Cha Cha Slide and the Booty Call.

One was an energetic and unique young dancer named Miss Destini Perry. Destini is a new 5th grader at Anthony Bowen School. When awarded her winning trophy she seemed very shy. One never would have guessed that at the tender age of 10 years, the trophy from the contest would be added to trophies presented to her in Spain, Japan, Washington state and North Carolina for double dutch and other trophies in softball, flag football, cheerleading, and basketball. Destini wants to pursue a career in Veterinary Medicine.

The other contestant that caught my

attention with a very vivid and unique performance was young David Tucker. David is 9 years of age and is in the 3rd grade this year. Mr. Tucker is looking forward to a career in our nations Fire Department as a Firefighter.

On the Celebrity Stage there were 2 celebrities that were just perfect for the day's events.

Inspirational singer "Lady Day" performed two numbers and the children really responded to her as well as her lyrics. Lady Day spent quite a bit of time speaking with the children and signing autographs.

Southwest born and raised cable television celebrity and author of the book "My Life Isn't Perfect... but thank God my baby is." Ms. Malonda Richard actually grew up right up the street from the King Greenleaf Recreation center and many people in the audience knew her personally.

Man Who Grew up In SW:

"The thing I liked, I got to see a lot of people I hadn't seen in 25 years or 30 years, really the OLD Southwest, the Southwest I grew up with." "Everyone got together and were passing out fliers and also word of mouth and people contacting each other by phone. The word got around. It really surprised me.

"What was on the field – that was the REAL Southwest. I saw a lot of people respecting one another – brought their grandkids and their kids. Overall it was nice."

10 year olds:

Question: What did you kids (10 year olds) think of last Saturday?

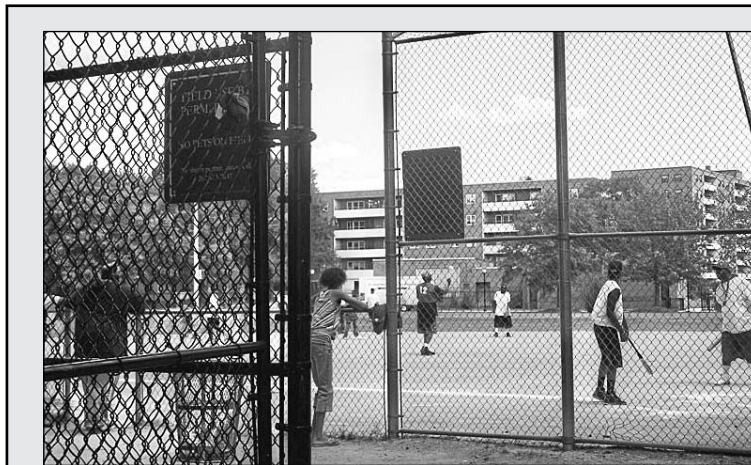
"It was fun. There was a lot of food, and a lot of girls...A lot of bouncy things – lunar. [Answer from adult with them] "The entertainment on the stage was good

- the drummer band and dancing. They ought to do this again."

Ron McBee, History Co-chair for SWNA

"The SWNA History Task Force had photos of old Southwest on the four "SW Then and Now" boards. We got a lot of questions and compliments, especially on the Southwester board. In fact many people came up and took pictures of specific photographs. Also the board on the Cavaliers got comments.

"We also fielded questions on the old SW area before RLA in the 60's as we had a map of SW dated 1948 done by National Geographic. . We also gave out a good number of the SWNA History Task Force and Cultural Tourism, "Southwest Heritage Trail," pamphlets. (These are also available from the SW Library - free).



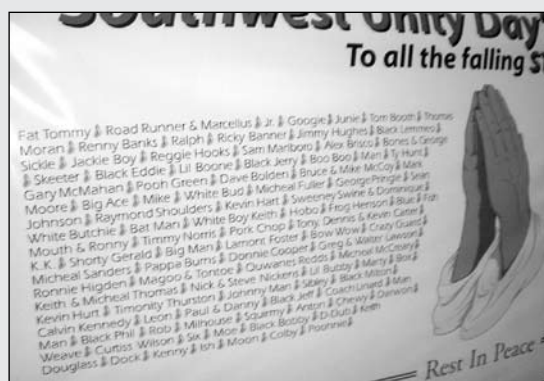
Above, inter-generational Baseball game. At right, marching drummers



Far left, children at SW Library Booth. At left, SW Then and Now display. Below, Event Staff at Unity Day.



Above, balloon tunnels and slides. Fun Wagon provided bicycles, below.



Above, list of "Falling Stars" at Unity Day. Wally Perry, a Unity Day Roving Leader, below center. Council Chair Vincent Gray speaks to Bingo crowd at Unity Day, below right.



Southeastern University Gets Renovations

Southeastern University launched a renovation of one of its academic wings as work started in late July at the main campus center in Southwest at 501 I Street and the corner of 6th Street SW. Technology and IT upgrades will enhance classes and professor-to-student communication, including interactive "white board" technology in three of the university's largest classrooms. The renovations incorporate modern, leading-edge design elements at the standard for best-practices in education. New break-out group and team meeting spaces will be created while some academic office spaces are also undergoing improvements.

A second phase will modernize Southeastern's multi-purpose room and other areas classroom and office areas. Approximately \$1 million has been raised so far in federal funding for these capital improvements, and \$1.6 million is appropriated in the 2008 District of Columbia budget. Other donors include the Fannie Mae Foundation, and several smaller private foundations, local businesses and individual donors. Southeastern has aligned strategic partners including: Perkins + Will (architects), Gilford Construction, Haworth (furniture), and Microsoft (classroom technology). The initial project is projected for completion in early autumn.

Hi-tech classrooms are already featured in some campus spaces as well the South-

eastern's state-of-the-art Center for Allied Health, which celebrates its first anniversary in September at its Greater Southeast Community Hospital location.

Watch for details on this exciting project and upcoming public events for Southwest neighbors. Write or call the Marketing Office for details at 202-478-8253 or marketing@seu.edu



Rendering of one area of renovation at Southeastern University.

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